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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Sequence Listing:

Please insert attached pages 1-273 containing the Sequence Listing.

In the Specification:

Please cancel Figure 3 without prejudice.

Please amend the specification at page 11, line 33, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- **Figure 3** - A schematic diagram showing the map of the 20 sequenced cosmids covering the 536 kb symbiotic plasmid pNGR234a of *Rhizobium* sp. NGR234. --